

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 36-48 are pending in the present Application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 48 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 36-47 are currently at issue.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In Paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 48 under Section 112 as being indefinite. Applicant traverses this rejection. In effort to advance the prosecution of the present Application, however, Applicant has canceled claim 48 without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation application, rendering this rejection moot.

Applicant has also made a minor amendment to claim 46 to address a Section 112 issue. Consistent with claim 38 from which it depends, claim 46 has been amended to specify that the first extension bolt is connectable to the actuator. Applicant submits that claim 46 is in allowable form.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 1,094,143 to Hagstrom in view of U.S. Patent No. 654,579 to Ericson. Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2 and 5-7 without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation application, rendering this rejection moot.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

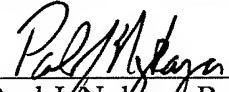
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication in Paragraph 5 of the Office Action that claims 36-47 are allowed. As the remaining claims in the Application have been canceled, Applicant submits that the Application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 36-47 in the present Application. Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early notice of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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